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Editor's Message

Welcome! I am excited to take over the role of newsletter editor from Allison. Next time you see her, give her a big thank you for 13 years of editing and 156 high quality issues. On a more personal level, I am grateful to Allison for teaching me how to edit, with her comprehensive notes.

You have already likely noticed the newsletter redesign, and in the following issues, I am excited to expand the content of the newsletter as well. If you are interested in writing an article for the newsletter about any numismatic topic, or relating to club news, I would love to work with you on that. If you especially enjoy authoring articles, I would like to have columnists write regularly appearing (think monthly, bimonthly, or quarterly) columns for our newsletter. Topics could include U.S. Coins, Paper Money, Exonumia, and even a coin of the month feature. If you have ideas or feedback on the redesign, please email me at cupertinocoinclubnewsletter@gmail.com.

In this issue, we introduce our new board members, who were installed in April (pages 3–4). On page 6, we take a look at some pictures from our show last month. In addition, Dan S. quizzes readers on U.S. circulating coins (page 7). We memorialize longtime board member Joe M. on page 5.

NOTE: Our General Meeting will be on 5/16/2025, the third Friday of the Month.

-Cam S.

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Club News

Upcoming Meetings and Events

May 16: General Meeting; 7:30 PM; Program: Morgan Dollar Grading Contest.

May 15: In-person board meeting; St Jude's Episcopal Church; 20920 McClellan Rd, Cupertino, CA 95014

June 11: General Meeting; 7:30 PM; Program: Other Hobbies Night

July 17: Online Board Meeting

August 8: General Meeting; 7:30 PM; Program: 2026 Medal Design Contest; Guest Presenter: Mike Wagner; Topic: 1980s Grading Companies History Exhibit

Cupertino Coin Club will have their general meetings online over Zoom (unless noted) and in person at St. Joseph's Church of Cupertino, located at 10110 N De Anza Blvd in Cupertino. Meetings start at 7:30 pm unless noted. Meetings feature an auction, show & tell, and drawings plus a speaker or presentation.

Guests & youth are welcome!

Please Mark Your Calendars

Our meetings normally are the second Friday of evey month, but May's meeting will be on the third Friday. Please make a note in your calendars that May's meeting will be on May 16.

Dues are Due

Dues are due on April 1, 2025. Dues are only $12 for adults and $6 for youth. If you would like the printed newsletter, please add $15 to your dues payment. To pay your dues, you may either mail your check to the club's PO Box address listed in the masthead or pay by cash or check to Membership Chair Al Lo at a monthly meeting. To pay electronically by PayPal, first email cupertinocoinclub@gmail.com for instructions.

Upcoming Numismatic Events

- May 9-10; Visalia Coin Club Show; Visalia Memorial Building,, Memorial Hall, 609 W Center Ave, Visalia, CA
- San Francisco International Numismatic Bourse; Saturday, May 10, 2025, 10am-5pm; DoubleTree Hotel SF Airport: 275 S. Airport Blvd. South San Francisco; admission: $8, $2 off with flyer, postcard, email printout or website page printout
- May 10; Santa Maria Coin Club Collectable Show; May 10; Elwin Mussel Senior Center; 510 East Park Ave, Santa Maria, CA 93454;
- Arcadia Coin, Currency, and Collectibles Show; May 17th - 18th, 2025; The Masonic Lodge, 50 West Duarte Road, Arcadia, CA, 91007
- Heartland Coin Club Coin Show; May 24; Cunnane Social Center at Guardian Angels Catholic Church; 9310 Dalehurst Road, Santee, CA
- Sacramento Coin Show; June 1; Lions Gate Hotel; 3410 Westover Street, McClellan/Sacramento, CA 95652

Coin Show Information Is Taken From **The California Numismatist**

Meet Our Board!

Standing from left to right: Emile M. , Steve C., Gran G., Cam S., Dan S., Mike W., Mike R.
Seated from left to right: Don P., Suzy T., Al Lo, Griffin G.
Not pictured: Harold W.

Officers

Granville G. IV (president):
As a numismatic enthusiast from an early age, my passion for collecting was instilled by my father, who was also a collector of stamps and coins. Despite losing my initial collection, my interest was reignited through my mother-in-law and my involvement with the Cupertino Coin Club. Now, as the incoming president, my love for silver certificates, various coins, and metals continues to grow. I look forward to leading the CCC and uncovering the myriad of stories and rich history linked to our cherished collections.

Suzy T. (vice president and Immediate Past President:)
I started collecting Lincoln cents and Jefferson nickels as a child when I was seven or eight. I got back into the hobby when my son joined the club after completing the Coin Collecting merit badge in Scouts. I have enjoyed being on the board for the last 11 years, having input, and helping the club grow to become a place to share the hobby amongst true friends. Today, I enjoy collecting the latest series of quarters, as well as commemorative silver. I will continue to share the basics of numismatics with new youth collectors through the workshops that we offer to Scouts earning the coin collecting merit badge.

Cam S. (editor and junior president)
I am a seventh grader who enjoys numismatics. I enjoy sharing numismatics with others through publishing my writing in numismatic newsletters. I also share my hobby with youth through my role as junior president. I am excited to bring information to members through my new role as Coin Press editor. My father and I collect low denomination ancient coins.

Al Lo (corresponding secretary)
Aloha! I started collecting coins like most collectors, filling in penny, nickel, dime Whitman folders. Then I discovered the book “Hawaiian Money”. It was fascinating to learn Hawaiian history and its collectible coins, tokens, medals and exonumia. Since I was born and raised in Hawaii, I enthusiastically got hooked on collecting anything related to Hawaii. My collection includes coins, overprinted “Hawaii” currency, plantation issued tokens, medals celebrating Hawaii’s statehood, medals issued for other important events, and even jewelry made from these items. I continue to collect type sets of U.S. coins, coin club medals, and anything that I find and like! I enjoy this great hobby for its camaraderie and education that members and coin clubs offer.

Meet Our Board! (cont.)

Steve C. (recording secretary)
I've been interested in coins since I was 13 when I inherited a collection from my great uncle. I mostly collect US coins but also like foreign coins and silver bullion.
Emile M. (treasurer and curator)
Griffin G. (historian)

Directors

Mike R.
I joined CCC in 1989, and am interested in Roosevelt dimes (pre 1964). I have been a volunteer with the coin show for the last few years and this is my first time as a board member.
Don P.
I collected coins as a youth until high school. I didn't pick them back up until the Statehood Quarters came out. Soon I discovered coin shows and coin clubs. I found strange coins like 2c, 3c and half dimes! I found I liked the artwork, history, and details on these older coins. I was hooked! I mainly focus on US Type and Series but also collect other coins that really get my attention. I am now a life member of CCC, San Jose Coin Club and the ANA (American Numismatic Association). The best parts are there is so much to learn (and share) and the amazing people! I will be going to my 2nd ANA Summer Seminar this year for more of both. I can't wait!
Dan S.
I collected two things as a kid: coins and rocks. The latter led to my career as a research geophysicist, and the former to my biggest hobby as a dad. I like learning about the history behind coins and paper money, as well uncovering the stories about the individuals and situations that led to the creation of the objects that we collect today. I enjoy the camaraderie of the CCC and hope to enhance that experience for all members with my role on the Board.
Mike W. (show chair)
I started collecting coins as a kid when my grandmother gave me some coins for my birthday. I also used my paper route money in middle school to buy my grandpa's Morgan dollars that he got in the 60's. I got connected to a coin club in my hometown in Iowa and I was hooked. My kids used to come with me to the Cupertino Coin Club meetings for the youth prizes. I became a life member last year and have served on the board for 4 years. I took over running the annual Coin Show after Covid 3 years ago, and that has been lots of fun. I also started and have been running the annual Gary Acquistipace Memorial fund-raising auction 3 years ago.
Harold W.

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Joe Mobilia, a cherished member of Cupertino Coin Club since January 2011 and dedicated Board Director. Joe passed away on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025. Joe was an active participant of the Club, always bringing kindness and generosity to our monthly meetings and events such as the annual banquet.

Joe Mobilia was born on May 5, 1954 in Brighton MA to the late Henry and Mary Mobilia. He grew up in Somerville, MA, playing basketball, running track, and fishing at Pillsbury Lake, NH. Joe graduated Matignon High School in 1972 and went on to earn a Bachelor's degree in Physics from University of Massachusetts, Boston and a Master's degree in Physics from Boston College. While attending the University of Massachusetts, Joe met the love of his life, Rita. They married on June 10, 1979. Joe and Rita moved to Foster City in 1980, working as a space physist at Lockheed Martin where he designed satellite instruments to study the sun and earth's atmosphere and expand our understanding of the world around us.

In 1983, Joe and Rita moved to Cupertino and made it their home for the next 42 years. Joe was a loving husband and father and together with Rita raised three children. Besides a lifelong love of basketball and other sports, Joe had a love of photography, gardening, and history. Joe especially loved digging into his family's past and discovering who they were.

A devoted parishioner of St Joseph of Cupertino Church, Joe served as the Club's liaison between the Club and the Church. In November 2021, Joe shared his numismatic expertise with us as a guest speaker, presenting on the topic of Irradiated Dimes.

Joe is survived by his wife, Rita, his children, Sean, Theresa, and Matthew (wife, Aly), and his siblings, Richard (wife, Joan), John (wife, Barbara), and Donna. He is preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Mary, and by his siblings Henry Jr. (Ricky) (wife Diane, also deceased) and Mary Elizabeth (husband, Tom). In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the American Heart Association in Joe's memory. To plant trees in memory, please visit the Sympathy Store.

Annual Coin Show Was a Success!

By: Mike W.

We held another successful coin show this year! Our goals this year were to sell more tables, increase attendance, and increase drawing ticket sales, and we achieved all of those. It was great to see the show floor so consistently busy with more attendees this year. The dealers were happy with the turnout and all had positive feedback. We had an updated layout to add more dealer tables (45 compared to 35 last year), and all of the tables were filled.

Thanks to over 35 volunteers, the show ran very smoothly again this year. Every volunteer picked up or will receive an ANACS sample slab from the show. And a big thank-you to ANACS for providing free sample slabs again this year. We also had several club members with interesting exhibits again this year.

There were also a bunch of kids attending again this year, and we had a virtual scavenger hunt for them to look for specific coins in some of the dealer's cases. Thanks to Michael T. and Don H. for setting up the youth table and providing lots of giveaways for every youth attendee. Also, every youth who completed the scavenger hunt received an ANACS sample slab.

We added additional hourly prize drawings of a silver eagle, as well as the big drawing at the end of the show with 10 silver eagles, 2 dos pesos gold coins, and a $2½ gold coin. In addition, we had donations from Great Collections as part of the hourly drawings. All of these extra prizes helped increase the number of drawing tickets sold this year.

It was great to have another successful show. We finished with increased proceeds compared to last year, and a profit which will support club operations and events through the year. Now, it's time to start planning for next year's show!

Happy Birthday!

Happy birthday cheers go to our May birthday members. Happy Birthday: Don B., Granville G. V, Joe M., Scott G., Carrie Ann K., R. J. A., Kai W., Jeff A., Sam S., Howard W., Chris A., Paul L., Noah L., Max J., Jonas D.!

Auctions

By: Suzy T.

Club members are welcome to sell some numismatic items at each meeting if they wish. Sellers or consigners should help the auction process by doing their homework by researching the items' details beyond just the date, mint mark, grade, and prices of the coins, books, or storage containers they wish to sell. They should consider presenting the item appropriately, in protective flips or OGP (original government packaging), and include the details on or included with the auction slip on a separate piece of paper, to help the auctioneer "sell" your items. Writing needs to be neat and legible, preferably printed or typed, to avoid auctioneer errors when offering each item. Be clear on the "opening", "reserve", or "minimum bid" and include the item's estimated current value. Doors to the club General Meetings open 30 minutes prior to the meeting start time. Please plan to arrive 30 minutes early to help set up the room's chairs and tables, and to give yourself enough time to fill out an auction slip and review the other auction items so you know what you might want to bid on. Please do not arrive earlier than 30 minutes before meeting time. Bring a Red Book so you will be more prepared with knowledge of your own. If you don't have the 2026 Red Book, see Ken in the back of the room. The room is not set up for us by the church. We need help from members to start and end the meeting on time. Please stay until the end to help clean up and put the tables and chairs away. The small handful of members left do not get to leave until after 10:00 pm because we are left cleaning up and putting everything away. Thank you.

Quiz: U.S. Circulating Coins

By: Dan S.

1. Victor David Brenner's initials were famously removed from the Lincoln cent in 1909, during its first year of issue. Were his VDB initials ever restored, and if so, in what year?
2. After more than a century of designs featuring an allegorical Liberty on the obverse, the Lincoln cent was the first circulating coin to feature a real-life individual. Since that time, which individuals were featured on the obverse of circulating coins who were **not** former presidents?
3. Prior to the Lincoln cent, what circulating coins did not feature an allegorical Liberty on their obverses?
4. On high-grade Lincoln Memorial cents, one can see Lincoln's statue on the reverse within the memorial; thus, this is a coin with the same individual depicted on both the obverse and reverse. What other circulating coins show the same person on both sides of a coin?
5. Among today's circulating coins, the dime, quarter, and half dollar have reeded edges; the others do not. Why?
6. The first cents were minted in 1793 and have been minted every year since then except for 1815. Why were none minted in that year?
7. Prior to the opening of branch mints in 1838 in Charlotte, NC, Dahlonega, GA, and New Orleans, LA, U.S. coins did not have mint marks. In what other period of time were mint marks absent from coins?

Answers on page 10.

General Meeting Minutes from April 11, 2025 by Steve C.

Club President Suzanne T. called our April general meeting to order at 8:02 p.m. and welcomed everyone. This meeting was our potluck/Anniversary Celebration night. There were 35 people & 5 youth in physical attendance. We thanked Howard W. for sponsoring the room.

Griffin G. conducted our club auction, Emile M. was our auction chair. Cam S., Bryce B. and Laurin M. were our runners. A youth drew our winning Buyer's Prize ticket. Martha D. won the Buyer's Prize (0.999 fine 1-oz copper round).

Suzanne T. Welcomed our guests Donovan & Maddison L..

Announcements: Suzanne T. mentioned some extra club T-shirts are available for purchase. May 10 there will be a coin collecting booth at Scout-o-Rama, History Park San Jose. Volunteers are needed. Mike W. mentioned Sunday April 13th we are having our Club Coin Show, set up will be Saturday night. Volunteers & participants needed. Emile M. mentioned Club Show drawing tickets are available for purchase. First Prize will be a $2.50 Gold Eagle, we have 2 gold Dos Pesos and 10 - 1 oz Silver Eagles. Lyle Okamoto mentioned the upcoming coin shows, April 13th Cupertino coin show. Friday & Saturday June 6th & 7th Bill Green East Bay Concord coin show. A youth drew our winning Attendance Prize ticket. Attendance prize: Fred D.. (0.999 fine 1 oz. copper round, $10 Indian head design) We wished Happy Birthday to our April Birthday members. Birthday Prize: Linda (0.999 fine 1 oz. copper round). Don P. introduced show and tell: Ken B.: San Jose depression scrip, Bryce B.: 2022 Van Gogh silver round $10, Griffin G: Foreign/U.S. coins, Keith S.: Bar Kokhba coin 132-135 CE, Martha D.: 3 Nickels & 1 Dime, Bill H.: 1968 s Original cent roll x30, Preston C.: 1949-1950 Chinese Currency, Cam S.: Ancient Diobol, Dan S.: Notgeld, Emile M.: 1944 Philippines 5 Pesos, Howard W.: Australia High Relief Proofs, Laurin M.: $1 Star Note, Lyle Okamoto: Florida 1/2 Goldback, Javon C.: Austrian 25 Euro Niobium, Mike W.: Colorized Dragon Silver Bar, Don P.: Buffalo Coins, Ivan L.: Disneyland Coins, Donovan L.: 25th Anniversary Wooden Nickel. Al Lo: Silver Eagle Copies. A Club member drew the winning show and tell prize ticket. Mike W. won the Show and Tell Prize (0.999 fine 1-oz copper round, Saint Gaudens design)

Ken B. conducted the board inductions.

A break was called and drawing tickets were purchased.

Drawing winners: Martha D. 2016 US Mint Proof Set, Martha D. 1969 US Mint Proof Set, Emile M. 1973 S Uncirculated Blue Ike Dollar, Gran G. 1982 S George Washington Commemorative half dollar, Mike W. 1999 US Mint P&D Uncirculated set, Gran G. 1936 Walking Liberty half dollar, Emile M. 1914 D Barber Quarter, Grand Prize: Emile M. 2007 W Silver Eagle PCGS MS69. Our general meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve C.
CCC Recording Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes from April 17, 2025
by Steve C.

We had an online board meeting over Zoom.
President: Gran G.
Vice President: Suzanne T.
Treasurer: Emile M.
Recording Secretary: Steve C.
Corresponding secretary: Al Lo
Coin Press Editor: Cam S.
Historian: Griffin G.
Youth President: Cam S.
Board Members (6): Dan S., Don P., Mike R., Mike W.

Club President Gran G. called our April board meeting to order at 7:33 P.M. and welcomed everyone. There were 12 board members and chairs in attendance.

Recording Secretary Steve C. reported nothing new. Corresponding Secretary Al Lo reports Correspondence received Magazines & newsletters - April Numismatist (ANA)

Treasurer Emile M. gave the treasurer's report. All was well.

Historian Griffin G. reports working on uploading photos from the April meeting and the show to the Google folder.

Curator Emile M. reports nothing new.

Program Chair Suzanne T. reviewed our upcoming club events. May meeting will be on the 3rd Friday (May 16th). June 13th meeting will be other hobies night. July 11th we will have the beauty and the beast contest/pizza potluck night, starts at 7:00 pm. August we have Mike W. presenting the 1980s grading companies history exhibit and will also be our medals design contest. September 12th is our pot luck September Fest, starts at 7:00 pm. October 10th is Youth night, Cam S. will be running the meeting and Bryce B. will be the presenter. Our next in person Board Meetings for 2025 will be May 15 & October 16.

Membership Chair Al Lo reports: Dues received - Betty H., Alex T.. Application - Jevon Corban, Dues Paid $12 Birth month July. Application - Ivan Lu, Dues paid $6 Birth month August. Application - Sean Mellen, Dues Paid Birth month July. Board members voted and accepted 4 new club members.

Coin Press Editor Cam S. would like to increase the volume of numismatic articles in our coin press and would also like to have a best article award for submitters. Wanted everything for our newsletter by May 2nd.

Webmaster Suzanne T. reports added a Thank you for coming to the coin show.
Updated the May meeting will be on the 3rd Friday.

Facebook Chair Suzanne T. Updated the upcoming events. Posted a new picture of elected Board members and a list of all the names.

Youth Advisor Emile M. reports 5 youths present at the April general meeting. Banquet: Suzanne T. reports working on ideas for a caterer.

Nominating Chair Emile M. reports all board positions are filled.

Medals Chair Emile M. reports design contest in August. Rules to be submitted to

Cam S. to put in the news letter for May June & July.

Old Business - Al Lo is working on locating the missing binder. Club shirts are for sale and Suzanne T. is working on new shirts. May 10 the coin collecting booth at Scout-o-Rama, History Park San Jose has around 7 volunteers and some youth to help. Will be handing out club business cards or possibly flyers.

New Business - Don P. and Gran G. could possibly volunteer to take over the auction in December. Board members had a discussion about changes to the Bylaws.

Quiz Answers

- Yes, in 1918.
- Franklin Half Dollar, Susan B. Anthony Dollar, and Sacajawea Dollar.
- Flying Eagle cent, 2 cent piece, and silver 3 cent piece.
- Washington: 1999 NJ state quarter; 2021 Crossing the Delaware quarter; 2006 SD state quarter; 2013 SD ATB quarter. Lincoln: 2009 4- circulating commemorative quarters
- The reeded-edge coins all contained silver prior to the mid-1960s, and reeding was used to discourage clipping of the precious metal.
- War of 1812 prevented new blanks from being imported from Britain, and they ran out in 1814
- 1965-1967, to discourage coin collecting.

Show Chair Mike W. reports we had a successful show. 34 different dealers, 7 were new this year. Everything went smoothly with the exception of a few dealers feedback that they did not receive their included free lunch. We will plan to have a checklist for next year. Thanks to Emile M.and Suzanne T. for working with Santa Teresa Church to borrow 30 tables for the show. We plan on making a donation and hope to borrow the tables again next year. Attendance was up this year and drawing ticket purchases were up thanks to the added hourly drawings. Thank you to the over 30 volunteers this year. Suzanne T. moved to adjourn. Don P. seconded. President Gran G. adjourned our board meeting at 9:37 p.m.

Respectfully
submitted,
Steve C.
CCC Recording Secretary